IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

MATSUZAKI et al.

Application No.: **10/790,224**

Filing Date: March 2, 2004

For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING L-
ARGININE OR L-LYSINE BY
FERMENTATION

Art Unit: 1656

Examiner: Steadman, David J.

Attorney Ref. No.: US-162

Confirmation No.: 9934

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 CFR §1.114

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application. The following are submitted:

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114:

    a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
        i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on

        ii. ☐ Other

    b. ☒ Enclosed
        i. ☐ Amendment/Reply   iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
        ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)   iv. ☒ Other Copy of Declaration Under 37

C.F.R 1.132 previously submitted on January 11, 2007

2. Miscellaneous

    a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of   months. (Periods of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) required).
    b. ☐ Other

3. Fees – The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
    a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No.   .
        i. ☐ The RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)

      ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17)

      iii. ☐ Other

b. ☐ Check in the amount of $ enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

d. ☒ Applicant has directly paid the above fees through EFS-Web / RAMPS.

Respectfully submitted,

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